

REMARKS

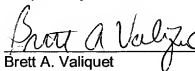
Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview granted October 16, 2008. During that interview, the Examiner agreed that the prior art rejection under 35 USC section 103 of the previous claims as unpatentable over Barnard in view of Tomida was overcome because Tomida does not show a third identifier third network address different than the second identifier second network address; and that a third identifier is associated with a data object which is a control variable or constant for a printer or copier. Tomida does not show any third identifier third network address associated with such a data object.

The Examiner indicated he would conduct a new prior art search. However, the Examiner requested that Applicants revise the patent claims to more succinctly bring out the practical aspects of the invention. Applicants agree to do so and therefore present new claims 46-61 herein showing that the method or system simplifies maintenance, adjustment, or error analysis of the data object in a printer or copier by providing the third identifier as a third network address associated with the data object stored in the second control unit. This enables the external control unit to perform a simplified direct access to the data object for at least one of maintenance, adjustment, or error analysis of the data object. This is explained in Applicants' Substitute Specification, at page 5, lines 13-19 and also at page 5, line 30 through page 6, line 4. See also paragraphs at Substitute Specification page 4 beginning at line 4 and ending at line 20 explaining the advantages of the direct access. For example, it is achieved that the data object can be simply, directly accessed by the external control unit without transfer path information for the forwarding of the request per readout or request for writing having to be known on the transfer path to the control unit in which the data object is stored.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

Respectfully submitted,



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